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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 1700 on 20 April, 9 T-34 tanks entered the Panzer Kaserne (4002) in Bad Freienwalde from the direction of the railroad station. 1
2. Between 1230 and about 1500 on 27 April, a total of 18 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 M-31 and 2 M-13 rocket launchers, approximately 54 trucks  
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kitchens and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the Neustrelitz railroad station. The field howitzers left for the Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225) and the rocket launchers for the restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse. Both installations were only partially occupied between 22 and 26 April.<sup>2</sup>
3. new motor vehicle observed at the Neustrelitz post after 26 April
4. At 0945 on 23 April, a shipment of 9 tanks, 3 SP guns, 5 trucks, 3 radio trucks and 10 boxcars passed through the Haldensleben railroad station and proceeded southward. After 1000, several columns totaling some 70 trucks, 6 radio trucks, and 6 tank trucks  
9 armored personnel carriers and 15 motorcycles came from the direction of Haldensleben and proceeded toward Born. At noon on 25 April, some 30 trucks  
were unloaded at the Wolmirstedt railroad station and left toward the northwest. At 1645, 12 rocket launchers and some 30 trucks were unloaded at the Wolmirstedt railroad station and left toward the northwest. At 1600, 10 guns and some 30 trucks were detrained at the Gross-Ammensleben railroad station. 4

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5. Between 2200 on 28 April and 0200 on 29 April, the remaining units from Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) and the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow went toward Altengrabow by road and rail. Some 40 truck-mounted launchers, 50 to 60 mortars, some 200 trucks, 15 track-laying vehicles and approximately 1,500 soldiers were seen. On 29 April, the three Wald Kasernen were occupied only by guard details in the strength of about 150 soldiers each. A rear detail of about 60 soldiers was stationed in the Ziethen Kaserne (5444). Most of the ammunition and fuel for the departing units had been furnished from the Arado installation.<sup>5</sup>

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1. Comment. T-34 tanks of the 10th Gds Tank Div were turned over to the 6th Gds Mecz Div. According to a previous report, the tanks had been loaded in Satzkorn on 19 April onto a train which was bound for Bad Freienwalde.

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2. Comment. The observations confirm previous reports. Units of the 495th (?) Arty Regt and the 126th Gds RL Bn of the 9th Gds Tank Div were stationed at Jueterbog for firing practices between 22 and 26 April.

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4. Comment. [REDACTED] the units belonged to the 18th Mecz Div. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] the bulk of the units from the Perleberg post left for a summer camp in Letzling Heath on 23 and 24 April. [REDACTED] major elements of the division moved to the southern portion of Letzling Heath between 23 and 25 April. The 32d RL Bn of the division is confirmed [REDACTED] until 25 April. [REDACTED] 25X1

5. Comment. Prior to 29 April, all brigades of the 6th Arty Div stationed in Rathenow had left for Altengrabow. [REDACTED] the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was still occupied almost to capacity on 29 April. More reports are needed to determine, whether the bulk of the 25th Gds RL Brig also left for Altengrabow or stayed at the post. In preceding summers, the brigade left the post only for short-term exercises or firing practices. [REDACTED] Observations in the Ziethen Kaserne tend to indicate that headquarters and headquarters units of the IV Arty Corps were also transferred to Altengrabow. 25X1

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